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SUBJ: EPS COVERAGE ETHIOPIAN UN MISSION

REF: GELNNON/KRIEBEL (IO/UN) TELECON NOV 26

- (A) USUN 902(B) USUN 5276
- 1. AT 12:15 PM, NOV 26 YILMA TADESSE, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, ETHIOPIA, CALLED USUN SECURITY OFFICER, STATING HE HAD INFORMATION DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE AT HIS MISSION BEGINNING NOV 26 OR NOV 27 BY ETHIOPIAN STUDENTS IN US AND MEMBERS ERITREA LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN PROTEST POLITICAL EXECUTIONS IN ETHIOPIA.
- 2. TADESSE URGENTLY REQUESTED EPS COVERAGE HIS MISSION LOCATED 5TH FLOOR, 866 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA. HE REFERRED TO SIT-IN HIS MISSION, MARCH 15, 1974, REMARKING HE DID NOT WANT IT REPEATED. (AT THAT TIME, ETHIOPIAN MISSION WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAKEN OVER BY 12 INDIVIDUALS WHO OCCUPIED PREMISES FROM

10:00 AM. TO 5:00 PM. EPS COVERAGE WAS PROVIDED FOR ONE MONTH, REFTEL A.) ACCORDING TADESSE, HE INTELLIGENCE INDICATES PARTICIPATING GROUPS WILL PRODUCE BIG SHOWING WITH LIKELIHOOD OF VIOLENCE. HE EXPLAINED SOME DEMONSTRATORS LIKELY BE EMOTIONAL SINCE THEY HAD RELATIVES EXECUTED. FOR OTHERS, HE SAID, IT IS POLITICAL CAUSE. TADESSE STATES HE HAS NO OBJECTION DISSIDENTS DEMONSTRATING WITHIN US LAWS BUT DOES NOT WANT MISSION OCCUPIED AND PROPERTY DAMAGED.

- 3. TADESSE INSISTED COVERAGE BEGIN IMMEDIATELY, STATING "TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE." HE REQUESTED IT EXTEND TO CLOSE OF 29TH UNGA, POINTED OUT THIS BE OF THREEWEEKS' DURATION.
- 4. USUN NOTIFIED NEW YORK CITY POLICE WHO AGREED PROVIDE STREET-LEVEL COVERAGE AT 866 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA AND ARE PREPARED HANDLE DEMONSTRATORS. NEITHER POLICE NOR FBI HAS INFORMATION CONCERNING DEMONSTRATIONS.
- 5. USUN REQUESTS EPS COVERAGE AND SUGGESTS THAT COVERAGE INSTITUTED FOR PALESTINE DEBATE, WHICH STILL IN EXISTENCE AT MISSIONS SUCH AS OMAN, QATAR OR MAURITANIA (REFTEL B) BE DIVERTED TO ETHIOPIAN MISSION FOR REMAINING THREE WEEKS OF GA. SCALI

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